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NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

By Kenneth Johnston

The President's Column

As graduation time draws near every faculty member inevitably asks the question: "Have I given the members of this graduating class the very best training it has been within my power to give?"

The sincere humility of the N.C.C. Faculty members would lead each one to think of something he or she might have done more effectively. But all who know these instructors intimately also know that they have given instruction, information, and a spirit of devotion that will shape the life of each graduate into a more adequate likeness of the Master.

Graduation time also leads the faculty to re-evaluate its educational goals. What is the purpose of Christian education? What are we trying to do at N.C.C.? Train preachers? Educate missionaries? Provide directors of Christian education and Christian music? Yes, certainly. But what else?

We believe our goal is to take Christian young men and young women and help them develop personalities that are more and more Christlike. This can best be done through the study of the Bible and the practice of Christian living under guidance in a Christian atmosphere. We seek to provide the atmosphere, the instruction and the opportunity for Christian living. As we look ahead we plan to do just this work more and more effectively.

Your prayers, your contributions, your young people, will help us grow in grace and power.—Ross J. Griffeth.

Baccalaureate Speaker

James Earl Ladd, graduate of Eugene Bible University, and an alumnus of Northwest Christian College, will be the speaker for the Baccalaureate services to be held at the First Christian Church at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, June 10. Mr. Ladd served for many years as evangelist to our churches of the Northwest and California. He has a son and daughter attending Northwest Christian College. Mr. Ladd is now pastor of the Central Christian Church in Portland, Oregon.

Graduation Exercises

Friday, June 8—8 p. m. Drama, "For Such a Time as This," Chapel Hall.

Sunday, June 10—3 p. m. Musicale, Chapel Hall. 4 p. m., Informal Tea, Rehm Hall. 7:30 p. m., Baccalaureate, First Christian Church.

Monday, June 11—8 p. m. Drama, same as Friday.

Tuesday, June 12—3 p. m. Senior Chapel, Chapel Hall. 7:30 p. m., Organ Recital, Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, June 13—8 p. m. Cantata, "Hymn of Praise," by Mendelssohn, First Christian Church.

Thursday, June 14—9 a. m., Board of Trustees. 12 noon, V. O. V. Luncheon. 12:30 p. m., Board and Faculty Luncheon, Rehm Hall. 5 p. m., Alumni Banquet and Business Meeting, First Christian Church. 8 p. m., Commencement, First Christian Church.

Summer Session

June 19 - July 6, 1945

July 10 - July 27, 1945

All those who expect to enroll for either one or both of the sessions

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THERE WILL BE NO STATE CONVENTION IN 1945

In 94 years this will be the first time we have missed having a convention. We briefly review the case so all may understand the reason for cancelling it.

In January the ODT released a news item to the effect that there would be restrictions on public gatherings of convention nature this year for the sake of conserving public transportation. Upon reading this we went at once to the local ODT office and asked about it. They could give no information but gave us application blanks for a permit. On January 17 this was mailed to the War Committee on Conventions in Washington, D. C.

While waiting for a reply a circular from H. B. Holloway, our own transportational secretary in Indianapolis, came saying that state conventions could be held if the number of people using public transportation and hotels were kept down to 50. Hotels were not involved in our convention, but we immediately set about to regulate the transportation. We published in this paper a request for all to come to Turner by some other means than rail or bus; but if rail or bus were the only means to notify this office and register for a reservation; and when the number of such reservations reached 50 we would reply to all others requesting them not to come this year.

We were happy to cooperate with the Committee in this respect and in the full belief that we were entirely in the clear arrangements for the convention were made—the program was drafted and leaders for it secured; a guest speaker from Butler University was engaged; every accommodation on the grounds was sold; the restaurant set-up was made; the program was in type and ready to print.

After all this had been done a letter came from the War Committee on May 7 denying permission to hold the convention. And the strange thing about it was that no mention was made of transportation or hotels but said that it did not "follow the normal vacation camping pattern, **with recreation predominating, and with only incidental instruction in non-camping subjects.** Therefore permit is denied."

It was a hard dose to take. We called some of the brethren in for conference. Attorneys were consulted. A visit to the local ODT office was made. The State Board, with other interested persons, was called on May 16. There was the manifest desire on the part of the Board to work in full compliance with the regulations of government for assisting the war effort. But the action of the Committee seemed so utterly at variance with reason and common sense that it was decided to make another appeal for permission, and to enlist influential political help.

On May 17 a second application was sent with a statement of our case and a review of what we had done, and why, as outlined above. The only reply we have had from the Committee is a telegram saying that Mr. Holloway was mistaken in the advices he had sent out. In the absence of other reply we are forced to the conclusion that this is only another refusal. Senator Morse, Senator Cordon and Congressman Stockman visited the Committee in our behalf, but to no avail. Mr. Holloway immediately contacted the Committee in our behalf. We appreciate deeply the efforts of all these men.

If this refusal were based upon the conservation of public transportation, and the rule were applied to all alike, we would have no criticism on their action. But such is not the case. The Committee is attempting to tell churches what kind of a program they must put on in order to have their blessing—they will bless only "swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, woodcraft, handicraft, and the like," but the worship of God is verboten unless it is only "incidental." This is anti-Christian and un-American.

Their action is discriminatory—class legislation. They will permit dog races and derbys, but not church gatherings. The matter of the Kentucky derby was mentioned to the Committee—and the reply was, "The attendance was 95 percent local." Will you say, Mr. Perrin, that there were only 50 persons in that other 5 percent? The Pendleton Round Up is permitted to run and everybody knows that more than 50 people outside of Pendleton will be there, and yet the Committee says that no matter how they come to our convention, "even if they walk," only 50 outside people are permitted.

The Oregon convention will be subject to the powers that be. There will be no convention this year. But we call upon the War Committee to fulfill its function of conserving public transportation and not meddle with legitimate programs; to dish out the bad news to everybody alike and not practice discrimination. America was cradled in religious liberty and American churches will not long endure the tyranny of little Hitlers.

STATE BOARD MEETING

In the absence of a state convention this year the State Board will meet at Turner on June 26, 27 for the transaction of the necessary business pertaining to the convention. The State Board is authorized constitutionally to transact all business between sittings of the convention. Members will please take notice.

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KERN PARK — One dedication for life service. The men served over 100 guests at the annual Mothers and Daughters banquet on May 14. C. H. Addleman, pastor.

WAR TIME SERVICE FUND

Oregon's total at last report on the War Service Fund was $5,479.51. This is about $1,000 more than last year. It is not yet up to the askings from Oregon churches this year. There are yet 13 churches which gave a total of $384.75 last year which have sent nothing yet this year. Let everything that belongs to this fund be sent to Unified Promotion before June 30.

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MALLORY AVE.—Church will launch the second phase of her building campaign June 12. L. O. White, pastor.

NINETY AND NINE NEWS

By Ed P. Dewees

When the first 1945 Boys' Camp opens at Turner grounds on July 29 it will mark the 11th year of such camps under sponsorship of the Ninety and Nine men in Oregon. The very first camp was held at Turner in 1935 with 18 boys present from the First Christian Church of Salem and was sponsored by the men of that church. From year to year the camp grew, developing next into a Willamette District project and finally into a state project. In four weeks of camp last year 345 boys were enrolled and of this number 66 made the good confession, the majority of them being baptized in their home churches.

Boys aged 10 and 11 are eligible to attend the first Turner camp, Gene Robinson, Dean, July 29-August 4. The second camp at Turner, Clifford Snyder, Dean, August 5-11, will be for boys of 12 through 14. The Boys Work Committee and the Camp faculty members request that these age divisions be carefully observed to insure the best possible results. In the week of August 12-18 camps will be held simultaneously at Bridge (Camp Myrtlewood), with Newell Morgan as dean, and at Bend (Skyliners' Lodge) with Len Fishback as dean. The final camp at Anthony Lakes will be held August 21-25 with Paul Moore as dean. If arrangements can be made for this camp to open a day earlier the Eastern Oregon churches will be notified. Willie White will again direct all camps with the exception of the one at Bridge. Alger Fitch, of N.C.C., will serve as director there. Besides Alger there will be 7 N.C.C. students represented on the camp faculties.

Posters and folders with specific information regarding the camps have been distributed over the state, but any church which has not received them or needs additional material may obtain it by writing to Ed Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3. All indications point to another year of victory for Christ in this fallow field. Boys had to be trained for war because the church failed to train enough of them for Christ—what will be our answer in 1945?

White-Snyder at Garibaldi

Willie White and Clifford Snyder began their meeting with Harold Haskell and the church at Garibaldi on June 3 through June 24. Plans are afoot for the men of the other coast churches to gather at Garibaldi on one night of the meeting for a time of fellowship, but the date is not yet set at this writing.

In the rush of getting the May news together we omitted a report on the work of the evangelists. They had had a very busy spring, closing the Albany meeting on April 15 with 7 responses and a very generous offering from the church there. Next they spent three nights in a rally with the Silverton church, featuring a men's night with a dinner and fellowship on April 17. After a very brief rest they began a meeting at Oakridge on April 22. There were 18 responses there—all by confession, and the majority of these came from the children who had enrolled in the booster group, the largest in any meeting held thus far this year. Not all the candidates were baptized since it was felt that some needed more teaching, but the

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MORTGAGES BURNED

On May 9 the Church at Roseburg burned the final evidence of their indebtedness. This had been carried since 1928 and at times it was an almost unbearable burden. Mrs. Ella A. Day, Mrs. Louisa Kellems, Brothers Perry and Church, the pastor and C. F. Swander participated in the program. Len Fishback has closed his ministry at Roseburg and begun a new one at Bend.

On May 20 the church at Klamath Falls burned their mortgage after a struggle with it for 19 years. Brother Jupin, evangelist, was closing a successful meeting there that day, but he graciously gave way the morning service to the mortgage holocaust. R. H. Dunbar, C. F. Swander, C. F. Trimble, A. C. Bates, Gene Robinson and the pastor participated in the service. Howard Hutchins continues in his ministry there.

On June 3 the church at Bend burned their mortgage which was still in its infancy; but it is good to get rid of such infants. Since this is written a bit ahead of time we cannot give the details. W. I. Palmer has been the pastor under whose ministry the church was erected and the indebtedness paid. He is now retiring from active work and will fish for fish a while. Len B. Fishback assumed the duties of pastor on the same day.

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State Offerings

May 1 to 28

CHURCHES — Amity, $15; Astoria, $50; Carlton, $15.50; Coquille, $23.41; Hillsboro, $125; Kent, $92.50; Kern Park, $10.41; La Grande, $50; Lebanon, $50; Milwaukie, $35; Myrtle Creek, $20; Nyssa, $14.09; Portland Central, $210; Salem First, $25; Sellwood, $10; Stayton, $24; Vanport, $55.80; Vernonia, $25; Wallowa, $24.35 Total, $875.06.

SCHOOLS—Carlton, $9.50; Ione, $15; Kent, $10; Oakland, $25.38. Total, $60.88.

INDIVIDUALS — Meyer Tan-Ditter, $2; Mrs. Alice Peterson, $5; Gerald T. Richardson, $3. Total, $10.

Closing the Year

The offerings thus far for the year are ahead of the same time last year. June is always a heavy month. If the convention is not held it is conceivable that some offerings usually received there may not be sent. We are reminding you that the work has the same demands whether or not the convention is held. We pray you to send in that offering, personal or church, and let's keep the work moving as always.

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DIED

Mrs. A. G. Gibbs, prominent member of the Roseburg Church, died recently in a Portland hospital.

Lawrence Smith, an elder in the church at Zion died during the past month.

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GENE CHAMBERLAIN, an Oregon boy who has been in Butler University, has come back as the pastor at La Grande. Welcome home, Gene.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

The thoughts of many young people and their advisers are turning toward the Christian Service Camps. We wish we might give a detailed account of the camps to be held in Oregon. We can at least present enough information to enable those who are interested to acquire more.

Suttle Lake

We understand that the first Christian Service Camp will be held at Suttle Lake, on the Santiam Highway, not far from Sisters, some time in June. We have little information about this camp. We understand that information may be had by writing Jim Chapman, Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

Southern Oregon

The Southern Oregon Christian Service Camp will be held at the Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Fir Point, near Glendale, July 23-28. It has been necessary to change from the previous week because the Presbyterians are adding a Junior Camp to their program. For further information write Earl F. Downing, 355 "B" Street, Ashland, Oregon.

Westmoreland Junior Camp

The Westmoreland Junior Camp will be held on the Lattin farm, Pleasant Hill, Oregon. This camp is for boys and girls from 9 to 12 years of age. A suitable program of studies and activities is being arranged. Any who can do so are urged to bring tents. Those interested may write Mrs. Grant F. Lattin, Box 122, Creswell, Oregon. Dates, July 9-14.

Norchrisca

The Northern Oregon Christian Service Camp, NORCHRISCA, has consisted during recent years of junior and senior divisions running concurrently. Due to the increased size of the combined camps it has been felt that better work can be done if they are separated. Hence the Intermediate Camp for 7th and 8th graders is scheduled July 15-21; the Senior Camp, July 22-28. The latter camp is for young people of High School age and above. These camps will be held either at the North Silver Creek Falls CCC Camp as during the past two years, or at the new Wi-ne-ma Christian Camp grounds on the coast near Cloverdale. We would like to be more explicit regarding the location but there are complications which call for further consideration. The decision will be made soon and information can be had by writing J. Frank Cunningham, 521 So. Howrad St., Newberg, Oregon.

The Newlands

Vernon Newland and family, recently liberated from the Santa Tomas internment camp in Manila, are now in the United States. They are at present in Southern California, but will be going east right away. Brother Newland writes that he would be overjoyed to be able to "visit and talk with many Oregon friends. . . We are all in fair health, have regained our weight satisfactorily, but still a little weak."

Calvin Hartman

Calvin Hartman, of Juneau, Alaska, is in the states at present, showing beautiful pictures of that wonderland and telling the story of our missionary work in that territory.

A Missionary Marriage

Thomas G. Rash and Leota Patton, both products of Alberta Bible College in Canada, are to be married June 1, after which they will make an itinerary through western United States telling their plans for work in India. They plan to go there with Mrs. Zoena Rothermel in September. We understand that Edna Hunt, another product of Alberta Bible College, has accepted as the leading of the Lord Mrs. Rothermel's invitation to return with her to India.

Tibet

Writing from the Tibetan-Lisuland Mission, J. Russell Morse says: "Naturally we want to come home on furlough next year, but don't count on it until the Dittemores come out." Warren Dittemore plans to leave in June. Mrs. Dittemore also has her passport but will not leave until September when she hopes to travel with Mrs. Rothermel. Mr. and Mrs. D. Howell Rees, recruits for Lisuland, hope to sail then also.

Melba Palmer writes: "There is a rumor here that missionaries who have been in China will be allowed to return soon, so I am hoping to start back to Tibet by early fall. If my travel fund and living link support were assured it might strengthen the possibility."

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should contact the College relative to housing facilities as early as possible.

From the Alumni

The Alumni as such are not always vocal, but their interest and concern for Northwest Christian College never wane. We watch with deep satisfaction the growth of the student body, the increase in its financial resources, and its deepening influence in the life of our churches. To N.C.C. we look for leaders for the work of the church in the world of tomorrow. To it we pledge our continued loyalty and support. Our earnest prayer is that God will guide its leadership and bless its every effort to advance the work of Christ's Church.

The annual Alumni banquet is the highlight of the alumni year. This year the banquet will be held as usual in the First Christian Church. The date and time, June 14, 5:30 p. m. The classes of '45, '35, '25 will be especially honored with speakers from these classes bringing the messages of the evening.—W. H. Lyman, President Alumni Association.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. Frank H. Marshall, Ph.D., D.D., Dean, College of the Bible, Emeritus, Phillips University, will be the 1944-45 Commencement speaker. The exercises will be held at the First Christian Church in Eugene, June 14, at 8 p. m. Dr. Marshall will also be a member of the N.C.C. summer school faculty.

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MAY ADDITIONS

We are issuing the paper early this month in order to get the final word concerning the convention to the churches by the second Sunday. Because of this only a few of the monthly reports have come in for this report. The first number is baptisms; the second, added otherwise:

Beaverton, 7-3; Canby, 9-2; Dallas, 10-7; Elmira, 5-0; Eugene First, 16-7; Hillsboro, 1-0; Klamath Falls, 34-17; Mill City, 3-1; Milton, 6-2; No. Plains, 1-0; Oakland, 1-0; Oakridge, 2-0; Pendleton, 2-1; Powell Butte, 15-0; Portland Central, 9-11; Mallory Ave., 1-4; Sellwood, 5-9; St. Johns, 14-20; Seaside, 0-1; Vanport, 3-0.

Ashland, 1-1; Bend, 3-3; Central Point, 1-0; Eugene First, 7-13; Grants Pass, 0-3; Hermiston, 2-0; Kern Park, 1-0; Medford First, 2-5; Newberg, 3-0; Salem First, 5-5; Stayton, 1-0; Sutherlin, 4-4.

Dufur, 4-0, Heppner, 0-2; Lebanon, 2-4; Ontario, 1-0.

CENTENNIAL FUND

MAY 1 - 28

New Pledges

Amity: Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Smith, $5 pd; John A. Herndon, $5 pd; Jessie J. Herndon, $5 pd; Naomi R. Herndon, $5 pd; Ernest L. and Roth Green, $5.

Astoria: School, $17.84 pd.

Glide: John and Helen Barney, $5; Willard L. Smith, $1 pd; Sylvia F. Smith $1 pd; W. Keith Smith, $1 pd; Jeannette F. Smith, $1 pd; James Keith Smith, $1 pd; John Luther Smith, $1 pd; Eleanor, Linda and Fern Moore, $10 pd.

Hillsboro: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Leonard, $25 pd.

Klamath Falls: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Clapp, $10 pd; Olive J. Fleming, $10; Eugene Ralph Fleming, $10; Edward Arnold Landen, $5 pd; Grace Elizabeth Landen $5 pd; George Leech Landen, $5 pd; Michael Franklin Miller, $5 pd; Mrs. R. F. Miller, $5 pd.

Mill City: Dean Stephens, $5 pd; Mrs. Iris Stephens, $5 pd.

Multnomah: Wm. Birchell, $1 pd; Harold Smith, $1 pd; Jack Smith, $1 pd; Judy Smith, $1 pd.

Oakland: Joyce Yardley, $5; Roger Yardley, $5; La Dell Yardley, $5; Freeman Yardley, $5; John William Diehm, $1 pd; Mrs. O. C. Rader, $1 pd; Charlotte Spencer, $1 pd; Alberta M. Hill, $5 pd; Robert E. Hill, $5 pd; Lura M. Hill, $5 pd; Albert D. Hill, $5 pd; Carl Wilson, $1; Fannie Wilson, $1; Melvin Wilson, $1; Stella Wilson, $1; Frank Wilson, $1; Clifford Wilson, $1; Myrtle McFerrin, $1 pd; Pfc. Claude McFerrin, $1; A.R.M. 2/c Dale McFerrin, $1; J. C. Copeland Sr., $1 pd; J. C. Copeland Jr., $1 pd; Mrs. J. C. Copeland, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Spencer, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spencer, $2; Donald Spencer, $1; Carolyn Spencer, $1; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bainbridge, $1 pd.

Portland First: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bennett, $10 pd.

Portland Central: Church, $240 pd.

Sutherlin: Janis Marie Epps, $1 pd.

Tillamook: Missionary Society, $30 pd.

Paid on Previous Pledges

Amity: Nolen Wanless, $1; Mrs. Nolen Wanless, $1; Allen Wanless, $1.

Baker: Lynn Hampton, $5; Dean O. Hampton, $1; F. W. Zook, $15.

Fall Creek: Minnie Leigh, $1; Ira Hake, $1; Mrs. Ira Hake, $1; Ernest Hake, $1; John Hake, $1; Walter Hake, $1; George W. Hake, $1; Herold R. Hake, $1; Jo Ann Hake, $1; Larry Hake, $1; Howard L. Hake, $1; Mrs. Annette Hake, $1; Mrs. Florence Hake, $1.

Halsey: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cromwell, $15.

H. R. Valley: B. Ross Evans, $5.

Kern Park: Mr. and Mrs. Fay Rosencrans, $20; Meyer Tan Ditter, $5.

Klamath Falls: C. S. Robertson, $10; Mrs. Edna Bunnell, $5.

Lebanon: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Jobe, $10; Grace Whiteis, $5; Dorothy Whiteis, $5.

Multnomah: Elery A. Parrish, $10.

Portland First: C. F. Swander, $20.

Portland Central: Mrs. Lulu Pitman, $5; Ruby Pitman, $5.

Roseburg: Mrs. H. B. Church, $10; Walter and Rosemary Naff, $2.

Salem First: Church, $42.

St. Johns: Church, $30.

Tillamook: Church, $30.

Turner: Mrs. Fannie Leggett, on Albyn Esson pledge, $1.

Vale: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scott, $10; Dennis Scott, $5; Dick Scott, $5.

Vernonia: Gerald Rex Herrin, $10; Beverly Ann Herrin, $10.

Wasco: W. D. Watkins, $5.

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SUTHERLIN—Having week's meeting with Brother Bates June 18-24. Newell Morgan, pastor.

Dr. Henderson tells P. of W. Reactions

By Muriel Jordan

One of the intensely interesting studies of spiritual and psychological reaction to come out of this war is the recent item written by Dr. A. G. Henderson, prisoner of war in Germany from March, 1941, until November, 1944. At the time of his capture Dr. Henderson was en route to African Belgian Congo as a medical missionary. Here are some excerpts from his article, telling of the daily routine and its effect on the individuals involved:

"During the first three months I was in German hands we had almost no books and no opportunity to hear music. One probed one's memory for snatches of poetry memorized in childhood, and treasured these as something that privation and hardship could not erase from the mind. How we hungered for good music! Fortunately we had two Testaments and a Bible between us, so we were able to complete most of the stanzas of several of the better known hymns.

"Our fellowship gatherings in the open air in that first concentration camp were an experience never to be forgotten. We had no concordances, or study helps—only our own experiences and the Word of God for our guide. A Norwegian sea captain with a life time of Christian witness behind him was a tower of strength to us in those difficult days when we knew nothing of the whereabouts and fate of our wives and children.

"Two months after arriving in Germany we were moved to a civilian camp in upper Silesia which was well organized and a great improvement over the former one. This camp had a fairly adequate library. Concerts and entertainments were put on at intervals, even school classes were formed. Our examination papers were sent to England for marking and returned to us. A curious part of the study was that we had a great enthusiasm for learning during the first year or two; classes in everything from languages to carpentering had large enrollments at first, but with constantly decreasing attendance and interest. One could study Russian, yet had no contact with those who spoke Russian; one could delve into the intricacies of electricity, yet would not be allowed the equipment for it lest it be used to construct a radio; the carpentry shop was without adequate tools for fear they would be used as instruments for escape. Chemistry was taught, but materials were denied us for fear we would make invisible ink. Thus it was tragic to see youthful enthusiasm blunted on the stone wall of prison discipline and monotony."

Dr. Henderson was allowed to practice medicine among the prisoners which gave him a creative outlet for his energies. He was shocked to find many of the German doctors "taken in" by the Nazi ideology and that they ignored the basic facts of biology and the laws of inheritance in their new found religion of the crooked cross. Those in the medical profession were allowed to take walks three times weekly accompanied by a German guard. This helped to keep up strength and spirits.

In regard to social relationships Henderson says, "Try to imagine a wealthy business man thrown together with those who had never eaten so well at home as they now did with the Red Cross parcels; Professors who were forced by circumstances to live with those of less than primary school education; missionaries and ministers of many denominations who were constantly thrown among atheists, agnostics and communists. These conditions had a marked effect on the personalities of the individuals. The lack of privacy was perhaps one of the most vexing hardships. In reality one's bed was the only part of the whole camp about which one could say, "This is mine."

Under such conditions true characters emerged. The Christian became more dedicated; the scoffer more critical. The first communion service was a memorable occasion. In that two and a half years the Sunday morning worship and preaching services were a steady witness to God's grace and power in overcoming their perplexities. In closing he said, "We claimed as our own Christ's promise, 'Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

Higdon in Philippines

E. K. Higdon, executive secretary of the Department of Oriental Missions in the U. C. M. S. and chairman of the Philippine Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, left recently to survey conditions there in order to determine the future program of the Church. He will hold conferences to find how the Disciples of Christ can move forward in rebuilding and rehabilitating its missions; and also will attempt to discover the need for relief through the Church for Christian leaders.

Since 1901 we have maintained missionaries in the Philippines. 76 churches had been organized up to the time of the last report and there were 4,787 members. More than 100 national workers were preaching and teaching in the various departments of church work.

Hubers are Home

Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Huber, Mrs. Joseph Smith and small son Freddie, docked at San Francisco in an American Army Transport vessel on May 9 along with 283 other civilians and 14 soldiers who been liberated from the Japanese internment camps in the Philippines. Joe Smith did not return home on this boat as he chose to remain to survey the condition of our Philippine mission work and property.

These who returned were thin looking, but were regaining lost pounds and were even regaining their impaired vision due to mal-nutrition. They are still starved for the taste of fresh fruits and vegetables. Little 3-year old Freddie was fascinated by the sight of trains and other things he had never seen in the island where he was born. The Hubers had everything taken from them by the Japs, including their auto and refrigerator, and she traded her wrist watch for peanuts. She served as camp dietitian during the long internment. In spite of the many tests they are said to give no indication of any spirit of revenge against the Japanese.

National Receipts

Total receipts for the first nine months of the missionary year for U. C. M. S. were $693,688.23 an increase of $128,739.62, or 22.8 percent over last year during the same period.

Appointments

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Lewis, who have been in training for missionary service in the Kennedy Schol of Missions at Hartford, Conn., this past year, were presented to the Board of U. C. M. S. on April 25 and were commissioned as missionaries to the Belgian Congo, to sail in the late summer or early fall. Their scholarship in the school, as well as the cost of their travel, was provided from the National Project fund of the adult missionary societies. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are from California and are graduate of the College of the Pacific at Stockton. Their church membership has been at Fresno and the two churches have chosen to support them as Living Links. Their commissioning service was unique in that the heads of the 7 Home Missions institutions participated, with 6 serving communion and John Long, of So. Christian Institute, offering the consecration prayer and benediction.

While there will be no Turner Convention this year the members of the State Board of Missionary Organizations are deeply appreciative of the willingness of the many people who were scheduled to take part on the program or teach classes. Thank you.

NEW GUESTS AT NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Miss Emma Rebecca Myler was born in Runnelle, Iowa, October 21, 1857, and has ben a member of the Christian Church for 62 years. She has made her home with her sister for many years. The death of the sister brings Miss Myler to our Home from the Oregon City Church.

Mr. John C. Rhodes was born in Washington, D. C., June 27, 1857, and has been a member of the Christian Church 58 years. As a young man he was active in church life in Portland. He graduated from Hiram College and served as pastor of churches in Ohio and California. He retired from that work and engaged in the printing business in Centralia, Washington, and comes to the Home from the Centralia church.

Mrs. John C. Rhodes was born Mary Etta Landess at Farmington, Oregon, June 27, 1874, and united with the church there 56 years ago. Brother and Sister Rhodes have no children and now come to make their home in this Home of the church.

Passed on

Miss Anna Ratcliffe, a member of our Home family, died May 11, 1945. She was born in Greene County, Iowa, July 16, 1856, and devoted her life to the work of nursing. She came to Northwestern Christian Home October 15, 1943, from Court Street Church in Salem, Oregon, where she had been a member for many years. Funeral servies were held in Salem.

Ration Book Work

People who shop with personal ration books these days can appreciate something of the work on one who shops for the Home. In a Home the size of ours a personal ration book is issued to each guest and member of the staff. The coupons must be taken from the books and pasted on cards for the store, or dealer, from whom we buy rationed food items. That is just another war time addition to regular work.

Springtime at the Home

Spring days come to autumn years in Northwestern Christian Home. They have brought rain, rain, rain, a few glimpses of sunshine, worried chatter about the unplowed garden, a day or two to get out for a little work, then more rain. They have brought a wealth of flowers and an abundance of rhubarb. That is hard on the sugar. There has been little chance to get gardening done. Thus we share the lot of many another gardener this year.

"A Gift for Tomorrow" is the title of a new leaflet just issued by The National Benevolent Association to explain the use of bequests and annuities for benevolent work. Copies will be sent on request to anyone interested.

The End of the Year

We come now to June and the end of the fiscal year. Christmas offerings were the best on record. It is a long time until another Christmas and there are several months of low income for our benevolent Homes between now and then. One of our hopes for the year ending June 30, 1945, is that each church will help as much as it did last year or a little more. Many have already done that and others have until June 30 to complete their record for the year.

April 1944 brought to Northwestern Christian Home contributions of $1,012.33. April this year brought $1,444.93. Now we watch for the record of May and June. May last year brought $856.56, and June, $1,531.40. We hope this year will do still better. —Walter L. Myers.

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A PROTEST

A large number of people have expressed a desire to protest against the cancellation of the state convention by the War Committee. There are two objectives to which a protest might prove wholesome—to the War Committee itself, and to our Senators and Representatives. Senators Morse and Cordon, Congressman Lowell Stockman, have all three been to see the Committee in our behalf, but to no avail. The War Committee on Conventions can be addressed at the Interstate Commerce Commission Building, Washington, D. C. The Congressmen may be addressed at their respective houses of Congress. Please send a copy of your letter to this office if you write.

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TRAVEL FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

Washinton, D. C.—The Office of Defense Transportation is considering lifting the ban on travel for religious purposes. Some quarters here expect that restrictions on church conventions and other gatherings will be rescinded shortly.

More and more Congressmen are letting it be known — publicly and privately — that they are opposed to any ban on travel to church conventions now that V-E Day has come and gone. — Christian Evangelist. (It would be a good thing to let your Congressman know how you feel about it. Why not write him?)

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ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual report blanks have been sent to the churches and have begun to come back in. Please return them as soon as possible. The reports will have to be made up regardless of the convention. There is only one more year of our centennial program, and we desire this one to set a good pace for the last year. We cannot know unless you report. A digest of the reports will be made in the OREGON CHRISTIAN.

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GEORGE WHIPPLE, SR., Ontario, has been ill but is now improving and will be back on the job again.

GEO. J. TURNER, recently at Monmouth, has moved to Portland temporarily. He would accept a pulpit. He may be addressed through this office.

HEPPNER — Took 21 young people to the mountains for a retreat. Joe Jewett, of Milton, spoke at chapel and bonfire service. O. W. Herbison, pastor.

ASTORIA—Held their annual meeting May 25. The reports financially were excellent. They are working on finishing the auditorium of their new building. When that is done they will have one of the nicest church houses in the state. Bruce Caldwell is pastor.

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church was greatly encouraged and certainly good seed has been sown.

Before going to Garibaldi the team held a short meeting at Zion. While there were no responses the spirit of the meeting was good. Let's not forget this evangelistic work in our prayers.

Carlton Men Hosts

Yamhill men met at Carlton May 21 with over 70 present. After justice was done to the chicken dinner a good program was enjoyed with Art Parrish leading the singing and special numbers by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Lee of the Cherry Grove Baptist Church. Oscar Cooper, of the Vancouver church, returning to the church of his student ministry, brought a message from the life of Joshua. Testimony to his portrayal of Joshua as a man of faith, meditation and action came in the following business session as various reports were given applying these points.

With over $130 turned in toward the budget the district is well on its way to achieving the $1,000 goal adopted last fall. $626 has already been paid toward the state budget and if workers can be secured the district will assume its share in the county mission project at the Dayton farm labor camp. The next rally will be held at Dayton July 16.

Father-Son Rally Succeeds

The annual father and son rally of the Metropolitan-Northwest District was held at Hillsboro May 28. Attendance was over 160 and every man and boy of that number enjoyed an evening chock-full of good things. The last man had scarcely finished the ice cream and cake which crowned the excellent meal prepared by the Hillsboro ladies when the stirring music of the Beaverton Church Orchestra opened the program. Under the direction of Mrs. Walter Myers the orchestra played several fine numbers—a fitting prelude to some great singing by the entire assembly. Palmer Ford, district program chairman, conducted the devotions and then introduced Bill Boardman, chalk artist and cartoonist extraordinary.

Mr. Boardman gave a very interesting demonstration to all the "boys" on how to become a cartoonist, showing with ease how to make a carrot into a man, a pear into a lady, etc. All of this was very fine, but skullduggery was abroad for the closing portrait turned out to be of this reporter and the model must have been a pumpkin! (The artist promised to surrender the picture at the end of the meeting, but somebody beat us to it and we have an uneasy feeling that the darn thing is going to show up somewhere else.)

A brief business meeting featured announcement of the Turner Boys' Camps by Dr. Beatty, district chairman of boys' work. Other reports were made and a roll-call taken. Forest Grove led in attendance with 31. Pledges and offerings received were $204. An invitation from the Multnomah church for a July picnic meeting was accepted (more about this in the future). The climax of the evening came with a powerful message by Hubert Sias appealing to every man and boy to answer God's challenge to do the thing He cannot do—to carry the gospel to others that they may be won to Christ.

Willamette Rally at Salem

The quarterly rally of the Willamette District was held in Salem First church May 28 with an attendance of 157. Clarence Herwick, district secretary, set a goal of 150 in his announcements, but he vows he will raise his sights for the Dallas rally August 27. The offering was $84 besides pledges turned in.

Howard Cole, minister at St. Johns (Portland), was the guest speaker and brought a message of warning against the tendencies of our nation in this day and the need for Christian men to turn the tide of evil.

Here and There

Watch for these meetings: Central Oregon, at Powell Butte, Wednesday, June 13; Mid-Columbia, at The Dalles, Thursday, June 14; and the S. W. District rally June 18, place to be announced later.

While plans have had to mark time pending the outcome of the Turner convention crisis, it is well that we look ahead. Eastern Oregon officers decided at the Wallowa church convention to plan two district rallies in that division next October rather than the one convention section which has been held in previous years. Tentatively, one of these will be held at Baker, the other at Pendleton. We had the privilege on May 4 of meeting with the Baker men to share a report on the progress of the work. On Sunday, May 6, visits were made at La Grande in the morning and Hermiston in the evening with a fine fellowship at both places.

Attendance! Attendance! Who's got the attendance? Lively interest continues in the "battle of the classes." Mallory Ave. (Portland) is striving by might and main to win the crown, but Forest Grove and Salem First dispute the issue while Newberg is quietly sneaking up on all. Give us more statistics for fuel and we'll fan the flames furiously.

Celluloid pins are now available—2c each in class lots (but please count in 5's to keep the change even) and we'll pay the postage. It may be some time yet before we can obtain the dress pins again, so place your order for these so we can return their cost to the treasury. Order from Earl Noble, 3214 S. E. Woodward St., Portland 2, or from Ed Dewees.

A shipment of 10c New Testaments has been ordered, but K. I. Dixon, 4112 S. E. 70th Ave., Portland 6, has not yet received them. Place your order with him, including allowance for postage, and he will send them to you as soon as they arrive.

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YOUNG PEOPLE BANQUET

The young people of Eugene First Church met on May 28 at the Osburn Hotel for a conference banquet. Twenty-three young people and adult leaders were present. After a dinner of turkey with the trimmin's, C. F. Swander, Conference Director, spoke to the group concerning the conference program for this summer. Much interest was manifested. Many are planning to attend. Mrs. Ella A. (Mom) Day sponsored the party. Other adults present were Ansell and Frances Hyland, Walter Fiscus, and C. Alton Brostrom. It was a very happy occasion.

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PORTLAND (Central)—The offerings for May were $3,043.85. Will break ground for new annex on June 3. Jas. Earl Ladd, pastor.

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VERNONIA—The state secretary had a delightful visit at Vernonia May 27. Attendance good, spirit fine and the building greatly improved. The pastor, W. O. Livingstone, is growing tomatoes with electricity.

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KENT—Held their annual Mothers Day Service on May 10. The secretary was the guest speaker. They made up a purse of $102.50 for state work. Spoke to the Grange on Saturday night, and had community dinner in the Grange Hall on Sunday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

This is the last call for Young Peoples Conferences. Remember the dates—Turner, July 2-8; Pioneer Camp at Turner, July 9-15; Cove July 29 to August 4; Bridge, August 5-11.

These young peoples conferences and camps are among the most important gatherings of the church and national life. There are three great objectives in these.

Leadership Training

The young people of today must be the church of tomorrow. It is well that their training be begun today. A large portion of the study in conference and camp has to do with leadership training. In the conferences every student must take one two-hour course each day that gives a leadership training credit. Our churches are being furnished their teachers and executives from this source.

Worship

Considerable time is spent each day in making young people aware of the presence of God in their lives. The day is begun with worship; it ends with worship; and in between there are various worship periods. We have had the testimony of young people that they never knew how to appreciate God until they came to young peoples conference.

Recreation

Play is a part of the education of every person. The value of play depends upon what objective it has. If it is simply for the purpose of the fun there is in it the value may be questioned. If it is simply the amount of physical exercise one gets, the value of that may be questioned. But the great value of play is gotten out of the Christian direction of play. Christ may be in play as well as in worship. That is the spirit in which we engage in play at conference and camp.

We did not realize what a large part of the day is spent in recreation. About 9 hours out of the 16 hour day are spent in recreational habits; the other 7 are spent in study and worship. Thus we can say with the government regulation concerning camps that "recreation predominates." We have games, swimming, hiking, etc. that give relaxation, that build up the physical, and that helps the expression of the spiritual.

Attendance Rationed

Because of government restrictions on such camps we are compelled to ration the atendance this year at the Turner camps; the others will not be affected because of their smaller size. We cannot say just yet how many will be received from each church; but that is being worked out in an equitable way. Send to the state office for application blanks, and ask how many your church will be permitted to have.

Classes at Multnomah

Your State Director held three night sessions on leadership development recently. The attendance was excellent, and they were so enthused that they asked for an extra session to gather up some loose ends.

Laboratory School

Church School workers should remember the Laboratory School to be held in Albany July 22-28. This is a project of the State Educational Committee, and is directed by the State Children's Committee, Mrs. Laura Torgerson, chairman. She will have the direction of the school, assisted by competent helpers. The School will be supervised by Florence Carmichael, of the National Department of Education. The registration fee is $2.50. Registration and payment of fee should be in advance. Send to Mrs. Torgerson, 5625 N. Delaware St., Portland 11, Oregon. This is a chance that comes only about once a year. Write Mrs. Torgerson for more specific information.

GOOD TIDINGS

VANPORT—There were 3 confessions on Easter Sunday. Wayne V. Jensen is the minister.

KLAMATH FALLS—The meeting by Evangelist Jupin resulted in 51 additions—the best meeting in years. Shrubbery has been planted around the building. A room has been finished for the junior church. Howard Hutchins, pastor.

ST. JOHNS—Church will conduct its own Vacation School. The pastor was guest speaker in the Washington state C. E. convention. $1,000 has been sent to the Byerlees in Africa. Parsonage improved with upstairs rooms. Architect's plans received for remodeling of Junior Department space in the basement. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

MILL CITY—Church helped spiritually through the meeting by B. Ross Evans. Looking for other additions. F. Claude Stephens, pastor.

GLADSTONE—The church was made happy by the return of their pastor, W. R. "Big Bill" Hensley, who came home on furlough. He is a chaplain in the army. He preached on May 27.

LEBANON — Launched Victory Building Fund campaign May 30 with Hubert Sias, of Forest Grove, as "kick-off" speaker. Month of June quota almost totally subscribed. Begin Vacation School June 11, Holly Roy Jarvis, pastor.

ONTARIO — The churches at Weiser, Ontario, Nyssa, Payette and Vale have closed their contest. We came in second. Much good to each school. Have celebration July 8. George R. Whipple Sr., pastor.

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NORRIS J. REASONER, St. Helens, is open for engagement. Write him there. He prefers to stay west of the mountains.

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HERMISTON — Planning to send 7 of our teachers to the Laboratory School at Albany in July. J. H. Bartholomew, pastor.

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TOLEDO—Arlo B. Bristow, who has been ministering there for some time past, has resigned to take up evangelistic work. He can be addressed at 754 East 14th St., Eugene. The church has called Wayne Osborne as pastor.

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MEDFORD FIRST — May has been Roll Call month; 618 made known the desire to be active members. School averaged 298 for the month. Church receipts, $1,043.85. Will send 5 teachers to the Laboratory School in July. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

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STAYTON—D. V. B. S. will be held June 4-15 with program presented at evening service June 17. Kenneth Knox, pastor.

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CENTRAL POINT — Begin a two weeks meeting at Coos Bay June 3. Baptized a Lutheran man here. E. Gilbert Cays, pastor.

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CLAUDE P. SABIN, formerly pastor at Forest Grove and Mallory Avenue, more recently at Wilkinson, Indiana, has accepted a call to a new church in Sacramento. Bon voyage, Claude!